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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND U.S. MAIL

U.S. DOT Dockets U.S. Department of Transportation Room PL-401 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: FMCSA-2002-13871 - Philip Kwan Trucking, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Philip Kwan Trucking, Inc. is a Motion for Extension of Time. Please stamp the extra copy of this document "filed" and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

Dean L. Cooper

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cc: Pamela Kwan

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION		02 DEC
IN THE MATTER OF:)	<u>မ</u> ဗ
PHILIP KWAN TRUCKING, INC.)) FMCSA-2002-13871) MO-00-252-US0308	₽ 5
Respondent.) (Midwestern Service Center)	(3) 2 (3) 13

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW Respondent, Philip Kwan Trucking, Inc. ("Respondent"), and, as its Motion for Extension of Time, states as follows to the Assistant Administrator:

- This action was originally initiated by a Notice of Claim dated October 3,
 Clark responded to this Notice of Claim in a timely manner by letter dated
 October 16, 2000.
- 2. No further pleadings were filed in this docket until approximately twenty-six (26) months later when the Motion in Opposition to Respondent's Request for a Formal Hearing And A Motion for Final Order was mailed by the Field Administrator on December 19, 2002. The Field Administrator also provided a Memorandum in Support of Field Administrator's Motion for Final Order. These documents were received by the undersigned counsel on December 26, 2002.
- 3. 49 CFR § 386.35(c) provides, in part, that a party will have 7 days to respond to motions (plus 5 days as the result of mailing. 49 CFR § 386.32(c)(3)). Thus, without an extension Respondent's response to the motions would be due on December 31, 2002, providing only two business days to prepare a response.
 - 4. As the Field Administrator states in the Memorandum in Support, "a

Motion for Final Order is analogous to a motion for summary judgment." In order to properly respond to the Motion for Final Order, Respondent will be required to provide "affidavits or other evidence relied upon." 49 CFR § 386.35(c). This will entail, at a minimum, the preparation of affidavits. Respondent likely will also need to participate in the discovery process in order to properly respond to these motions. The Rules of Practice provide for the use of both written interrogatories and requests for the production of documents in discovery. 49 CFR § 386.42 and 49 CFR § 386.43. Both these methods of discovery allow the recipient 30 days for a response.

- 5. 49 CFR § 386.33 provides that an extension of time may be granted for "good cause." Respondent suggests that good cause exists because the time to respond otherwise provided by the Rules of Practice is not adequate because of the nature of the Field Administrator's motion and the volume of materials provided by the Field Administrator in support of its motion, as well as the delay in the mails caused by the holiday season.
- 6. Because approximately twenty-six (26) months passed between Respondent's response to the Notice of Claim and the date of the Motion in Opposition to Respondent's Request for a Formal Hearing And a Motion for Final Order, there does not appear to be any urgency to this matter and, accordingly, it does appear that there would be any prejudice to the Field Administrator associated with an extension of time.
- 7. Therefore, Respondent hereby requests that its time to respond to the Field Administrator's pending motions be extended for a period of forty-five (45) days, or until February 14, 2003. Such an extension would allow Respondent to conduct any

necessary discovery and respond in a meaningful manner to the motions.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Assistant

Administrator extend the time for Respondent to respond to the Field Administrator's

Motion in Opposition to Respondent's Request for a Formal Hearing And a Motion for

Final Order for a period of forty-five (45) days, or until February 14, 2003, or until such

other time as the Assistant Administrator may find to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this <u>Z7</u> day of December, 2002, to:

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